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SUBJECT: PLO OFFICIAL KHALED AL-HASSAN'S JULY 21-28 VISIT  
TO MOROCCO

1. KHALED AL-HASSAN, MEMBER OF PLO CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND HEAD OF PALESTINIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ARRIVED IN MOROCCO JULY 21, HAD AUDIENCE WITH KING HASSAN JULY 25, AND DEPARTED JULY 28. HIS MAIN SUBSTANTIVE PRONOUNCEMENT WAS INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN MOROCCAN PRESS JULY 30, IN WHICH HE ADDRESSED FOLLOWING SUBJECTS.

2. GENEVA CONFERENCE: AL-HASSAN SAID HE DID NOT THINK THAT CONFERENCE COULD BRING ANY SOLUTIONS, AS IT WAS ONLY "THEATER"

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AND "REAL WORK" TOOK PLACE BEHIND THE SCENES. PLO WAS READY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GENEVA CONFERENCE OR ANY OTHER CONFERENCE DEALING WITH THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION. GENEVA CONFERENCE, HOWEVER, WAS BASED ON RESOLUTION 242, WHICH DID NOT SPEAK OF PALESTINIANS BUT ONLY OF REFUGEES. ISRAEL ALSO REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE PLO AND REJECTED ITS PRESENCE AT GENEVA AS WELL AS PRINCIPLE OF PALESTINIAN STATE. "WE WANT TO BE IN GENEVA AS

AN ENTITY HAVING ITS OWN PERSONALITY AND INDEPENDENCE. THE INVITATION MUST BE ADDRESSED TO THE PLO ON THIS BASIS". ARABS AT GENEVA SHOULD HAVE A COMMON POLICY.

3. U.S. POLICY: QUERIED ABOUT PRESIDENT CARTER'S POLICY ON MIDDLE EAST AND PALESTINIAN PROBLEM, AL-HASSAN SAID PRESIDENT HAD BROUGHT A NEW STYLE AND ADOPTED A DIFFERENT POLICY FROM THAT OF PREDECESSORS. HOWEVER, PRESIDENT WAS MISTAKEN IN HIS APPROACH, WHICH BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THE 1967 WAR RATHER THAN ON REAL PROBLEM CREATED IN 1947. AN APPROACH INVOLVING OPENING OF BORDERS WITH ISRAEL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMERCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES, FOLLOWED BY DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, WAS "NEITHER EFFECTIVE NOR LOGICAL" AS PRESIDENT CONFUSED PEACE AND SECURITY. (AL-HASSAN WENT ON TO ARGUE THAT ONLY FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN NATURE OF ISRAEL COULD BRING REAL PEACE.) PRESIDENT WAS ALSO WRONG IN SPEAKING OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN EASTERN EUROPE AND AFRICA AND FORGETTING RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS. HOWEVER, HIS "GENERAL PRINCIPLES ARE GOOD, WHICH IS WHAT GIVES US A CERTAIN HOPE".

4. OTHER SUBJECTS: AL-HASSAN EQUATED BEGIN WITH PREVIOUS ISRAELI LEADERS, SEEING DIFFERENCE ONLY IN STYLE RATHER THAN SUBSTANCE, AND STRESSED THAT PLO STRATEGY WAS "UNMOVABLE". IN ORDER THAT SITUATION IN REGION SHOULD CHANGE, ZIONISM MUST BE ABOLISHED. AL-HASSAN CHARACTERIZED POSITION OF EUROPEAN "NINE", AS REFLECTED IN LONDON DECLARATION INCLUDING FIRST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MENTION OF HOMELAND FOR PALESTINIANS, AS POSITIVE, WITH FRANCE UNDERSTANDING THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM BEST. HE WARMLY PRAISED KING HASSAN AND MOROCCO FOR SUPPORT OF PALESTINIAN CAUSE.

5. COMMENT: PLO VISITS TO MOROCCO ARE A REGULAR OCCURRENCE AND FIT IN WITH GOM'S POLICY OF KEEPING UP CLOSE, WELL-PUBLICIZED LINKS WITH THAT ORGANIZATION. AL-HASSAN'S STOPOVER ALSO BALANCES OFF IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING VISIT BY LEBANESE CHRISTIAN LEADER PIERRE GEMAYEL (RABAT 4130).  
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